

ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2016

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by President McLaughlin.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Applyrs, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O'Brien and Robinson.

Also present was the following staff: Nala Woodard, Barbara Samel, Patrick Jordan and Cashawna Parker.

Council Member led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro Tempore Conti asked and received majority consent to add Resolution Number 21.22.16R to the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Pro Tempore Conti made a motion to changed order of business to allow for the consideration of Resolution Number 21.22.16R (MC), which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Commisso introduced the RESOLUTION NUMBER 21.22.16R (MC), which was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING CAMERON BECKER FOR HIS COURAGE AND BRAVERY

WHEREAS, Cameron Becker is employed by the City of Albany as a 9-1-1 dispatcher and also serves as a lieutenant in the North Bethlehem Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Becker responded to a fire on January 24, 2016 and through his efforts, heroically rescued the family inside the house and saved the family, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Becker has shown himself to be a dedicated public servant through his employment with the City and his volunteer position with the Bethlehem Fire Department, working to make sure all of us are safe and making a commitment to the residents of Albany and those in the Town of Bethlehem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council pauses in its deliberations to recognize Cameron Becker and applauds him for his bravery on the night of January 24, 2016.

The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote of all Council Members elected voting in favor thereof.

Affirmative – Applyrs, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O'Brien and Robinson

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Resolution Number 21.22.16R (MC) was co-sponsored by Council Members Applyrs, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Flynn, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Krasher, Kornegay, O'Brien and Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Robert Powers, resident Albany Fire Fighters IAFF L2007 (Fire Fighters exam)
2. Rev. McKinley Johnson, 23 Colonial Ave 12203 (Community Benefits Agreement)
McKinley.johnson4540@yahoo.com
3. Rev. Mark Johnson, 23 Colonial Ave (Community Benefits Agreement)
4. Tracey Cassers, 184 Washington Ave (CBA) tracey@unitedtenantsalbany.org
5. Celeste Knight, 73 Beverly Avenue (CBA)
6. Julia Long, PO Box 1442, 12201 (CBA)
7. Roger Markoris, 38 Myrtle Avenue (CBA)

There being no further speakers, the President declared the Public Comment Period closed.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS:

The local laws on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

General Services, Health and Environment – Chairperson O'Brien reported that the committee met on February 11, 2016 to discuss Local Law A-2016 relating to utility poles and double poles, which was held for further information.

Public Safety – Chairperson Golby reported that the committee would be meeting on February 29, 2016 to discuss the reappointment of Maritza Martinez to Citizen Police Review Board.

Finance, Taxation and Assessment – Chairperson Doesschate reported that the committee met last week to accept last appointment as a temporary member to the Board of Assessment Review due to a candidate not being able to serve at the last minute.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Member Robinson introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 3.22.16, which was referred to Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 (EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROTECTIONS) BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. A new Article IV of Chapter 48 is added to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS

Section 48-30. Community Benefit Agreements.

It shall be the policy of the City of Albany to require, whenever feasible, proportional community benefits as a condition of significant public support for development in the form of subsidies, tax abatements, below-market priced land or other enhanced public resources.

Section 48-31. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

HOST COMMUNITY – shall mean the community within the census tract(s) where the development project is physically located and may also include communities within adjacent census tracts that may be adversely affected by the activities of the development project, as determined either by agreement among members of the host community representatives to a community benefits agreement, but shall in no case be smaller than the census track where the development project is physically located.

FIRST SOURCE HIRING PROGRAM – shall mean a collaborative partnership between the developer, the City of Albany, and an appropriate workforce development agency, that to the extent consistent with federal and state law, includes provisions to promote hiring, training, and employability of residents and displaced workers from the host community.

Section 48-32. Community Benefit Requirements.

- A. For any proposed development project in the City of Albany that proposes public and/or private investment of five million (\$5,000,000) dollars or more, with either 1) transfer of city-owned land parcels or other public property without open bidding or priced below market rates to the developer, as determined by the City Assessor or independent appraisal; or 2) receipt of other forms of public subsidies by the developer, including but not limited to tax abatements or grants that are cumulatively valued at three hundred thousand (\$300,000) or more, the developer shall engage community residents for purposes of entering into a legally enforceable community benefits agreement with representative residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations, collectively comprising the host community representative party to the agreement, to provide targeted benefits or appropriately negotiated employment opportunities, job training low and moderate income housing, quality of life or environmental mitigations, neighborhood infrastructure and amenities, and community representation for the benefit of the host community in the development and post-development processes, which approximate the value of the public support for the project, as required by this Article.
- B. For any proposed development project in the City of Albany that proposes public and/or private investment of more than two million (\$2,000,000) dollars, but less than five million (\$5,000,000) dollars shall require the developer to adopt and implement a first source hiring program for residents of the City of Albany, but not to provide any other community benefits as a mandatory condition precedent.

- C. Additional examples of community benefits or provisions that may be incorporated into such an enforceable community benefits agreement include, without limitation:
1. A first source hiring program for residents;
 2. A requirement that 51% of contractors retained to provide services relating to the development project will consist of Albany-based businesses;
 3. Workforce development programs including where applicable specialized technical training or pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship programs
 4. Youth employment programs or internships for city residents
 5. Land use programs that actively promote city real estate and investment opportunities, provide recreational opportunities, parks, educational services, environmental amenities, providing funds for demolition of abandoned residential homes.
- D. The developer may request, from the Common Council, an exemption from the requirement of entering a community benefit agreement, where it can demonstrate:
1. The infeasibility or impracticality of identifying a host community representative to negotiate with on behalf of the host community; or
 2. That good faith negotiations have occurred for a reasonable time period, but negotiations have reached an intractable impasse; or
 3. Other exigencies that make entering a community benefit agreement infeasible in the particular instance.

To request an exemption, the developer shall set forth in writing the basis of its request and document how it will otherwise seek to implement the intent of this section to provide the host community with benefits from the development.

E. Violation of this article without good cause shown by a developer shall result in denial of approval for any such requested public land transfer and/or public subsidies

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Council Member Commisso introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 4.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III (NOTES) OF CHAPTER 18 (BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURE AND SEAL; NOTES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Article III of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Albany shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III

Notes
[Added 6-2-1986]

§ 18-8. City ~~Comptroller~~Treasurer; power to issue notes.

~~The Comptroller of the City of Albany shall be and he hereby is empowered to authorize t~~The issuance of and to issue bond anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes of the City of Albany and renewals of any and all such notes shall be authorized and sold as provided in Article II of the New York State Finance Law. at such time and under such circumstances as he deems proper and advisable, and the City Comptroller is further authorized and empowered to prescribe the terms, form and content of such notes and to
The City Treasurer shall execute such notes in the name of and on behalf of the City and to sell at private sale and deliver the same to the purchaser thereof, after authorization by the Common Council,and all such action on the part of the Treasurer ~~Comptroller~~ shall ~~to~~ be pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

§ 18-9. Full faith and credit.

The full faith and credit of the City of Albany shall be and are hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all notes issued by said Comptroller pursuant to the power delegated to him under the terms of this article.

~~§ 18-10. Effective date.~~

~~The power to issue notes of the City of Albany was delegated to the City Comptroller by ordinance passed by the Common Council on February 1, 1960 but was never codified.~~

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 5.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,595,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,595,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with: estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which they have been determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Motor Vehicles
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 29
Period of Probable Usefulness: 5 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 5 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$1,595,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$1,595,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: A-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14908601

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$1,595,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered and directed that the projects specified above be undertaken and the amounts set forth as the maximum estimated costs are hereby appropriated therefore. The Board of Contract and Supply is hereby authorized to take such necessary and further steps to carry out the provisions of this section.

Section 4. Pending the sale of the bonds herein authorized, the temporary use of funds from the City's general fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 165.10 of the New York Local Finance Law, is hereby authorized. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such temporary expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by section 1 of this ordinance. This ordinance shall constitute the City's "official intent" to reimburse such temporary expenditures in accordance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150-2.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the City of Albany, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Treasurer, as chief fiscal officer of the City of Albany. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The City Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 8. The City Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

(a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 8 hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publications, or

(c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized and directed to publish the same together with a notice in substantially the form set forth in section 81.00 of the New York Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined that except as hereinafter specified, the authority and funding of the projects aforesaid constitute either unlisted or Type II actions under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder having no adverse effect upon the environment.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be dated February 18, 2016 and shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Albany.

Note: Please refer to Ordinance Number 5.22.16 for the language for Sections 3 thru 12 for Ordinance Numbers 6.22.16 thru 16.22.16.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 6.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$795,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$795,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with: estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which they have been determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance.

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 28

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$795,000.00

Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$795,000.00

Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: B-16

Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14908602

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$795,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 7.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$194,640.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$194,640.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (GAS ISLAND CANOPY PROJECT)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Unspecified Betterments and Improvements
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 35
Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$194,640.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$194,640.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: D-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14908604

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$194,640.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 8.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,400,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (STREET RECONSTRUCTION)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance

Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Highway, roads, streets, parkways and parking areas.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 20(c)
Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$2,400,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$2,400,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: E-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 50108605

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$2,400,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 9.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$480,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$480,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Curbs, sidewalks and gutters.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 24
Period of Probable Usefulness: 10 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 10 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$480,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$480,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: F-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 50108606

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$480,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 10.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$205,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$205,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ADA COMPLIANCE)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Curbs, sidewalks and gutters.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 24
Period of Probable Usefulness: 10 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 10 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$205,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$205,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: G-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 50108607

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$205,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 11.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,400,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (STREET RECONSTRUCTION)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Highway, roads, streets, parkways and parking areas.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 20(c)
Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$2,400,000.00

Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$2,400,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: E-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 50108605

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$2,400,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 12.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Bridges, tunnels, viaducts and underpass.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 10
Period of Probable Usefulness: 20 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 20 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$500,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$500,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: I-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408609

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$500,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 13.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (WASHINGTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set

forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Parks, playgrounds and recreational areas.

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 19(c)

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$150,000.00

Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$150,000.00

Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: J-16

Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408610

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$150,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 14.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (NORMANSKILL FARM IMPROVEMENTS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Unspecified Betterments and Improvements

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 35

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$150,000.00

Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$150,000.00

Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: K-16

Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408611

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$150,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 15.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,500,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (HJB BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Bridges, tunnels, viaducts and underpass.
Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 10
Period of Probable Usefulness: 20 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 20 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$1,500,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: L-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408612

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$1,500,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Council Member Doesschate introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 16.22.16, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$250,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ASBESTOS ABATEMENT)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Additions to or conversion of buildings.

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 12(2)
Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years
Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years
Maximum Estimated Cost: \$250,000.00
Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$250,000.00
Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: M-16
Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408613

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$250,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

The remaining Ordinances on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Bailey introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 15.22.16R, which was referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW (SEQRA), AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REZONING OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 76-92 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, 191-250 NORTH PEARL STREET AND 5-13 WILSON STREET

WHEREAS, Ordinance 54.122.15 was introduced by the City of Albany Common Council on December 21, 2015, which proposed rezoning the properties located at 76-92 Livingston Avenue, 191-250 North Pearl Street and 5-13 Wilson Street from One- and Two-Family Medium-Density Residential District (R-2B) to Multifamily Medium-Density Residential District (R-3B); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council declared itself Lead Agency for coordinated review at a public meeting held on December 21, 2015 in connection with the proposed rezoning; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council received a Full Environmental Assessment Form, in conjunction with said proposed rezoning; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning was the subject of a Public Hearing held by the Common Council on January 21, 2016, where public comment was received; and

WHEREAS, the action is subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), as set forth in Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the rezoning is determined to be a Type I action pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the record demonstrates that the rezoning will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and that a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance should be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the review and consideration of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and public comments, the Common Council finds and declares the action to be Type I pursuant to the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and its implementing regulations, and having duly considered the entire record before it, declares that the rezoning of the properties located at 76-92 Livingston Avenue, 191-250 North Pearl Street and 5-13 Wilson Street from One- and Two-Family Medium-Density Residential District (R-2B) to Multifamily Medium-Density Residential District (R-3B), has no potentially significant adverse impacts upon the environment, as that term is defined in SEQRA, will not require the preparation of a full Environmental Impact Statement and therefore issues a Negative Determination of Environmental Significance.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council Member Herring introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 16.22.16R, which was referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION'S CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALBANY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION TO ISSUE OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2008 Section 854 of the General Municipal Law, commonly referred to as the Civic Facilities Legislation, expired leaving industrial development agencies unable to provide financial assistance to projects owned or operated by not-for-profit corporations (hereinafter referred to as "Civic Facility Projects"); and

WHEREAS, City of Albany Common Council acknowledged that the ability to finance Civic Facility Projects with tax-exempt bonds had been a very important tool for the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), as the Civic Facility Projects undertaken by the Agency have increased employment opportunities for residents of the City of Albany and allowed local not-for-profit corporations to upgrade their facilities at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Common Council authorized the Agency to form the City of Albany Capital Resource Corporation ("CRC") in accordance with Section 1411 of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (the "NFPCL") by resolution at the public meeting held on March 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the CRC in 2010 the CRC has assisted not-for-profit corporations with projects that have furthered its stated goals such as: (1) relieving and reducing unemployment, (2) promoting and providing for additional and maximum employment, (3) bettering and maintaining job opportunities, (4) instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, (5) carrying on scientific research for the purpose of aiding a community or geographical area by attracting new industry in the community or area and (6) lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes the benefits the CRC has been able to foster in the City of Albany since its creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council consents to the amendment of the CRC's certificate of incorporation authorizing the continuation of the authority of the CRC to issue obligations to finance projects to be undertaken by the CRC in accordance with Section 1411 of the NFPCL for an additional two years expiring on April 13, 2018.

RESOLVED, that paragraph Seventeenth of the Certificate of Incorporation of the CRC shall be amended and such paragraph shall read as follows:

“SEVENTEENTH: Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the authority of the Corporation to issue Obligations to finance projects to be undertaken by the Corporation shall expire on April 13, 2018, subject to the determination by the Common Council to extend such authority by resolution duly adopted by the Common Council.”

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council Member O'Brien introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 17.22.16R, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARY REGARDING THE POSITION OF CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND WATER SUPPLY

WHEREAS, Section 604(D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary total that occurs outside of those described in the duly adopted budget must be consented to by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Customer Service Supervisor position at the Department of Water and Water Supply will be increasing the amount of hours worked per week; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the increased hours worked requires an adjustment in salary for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of funds affecting the salary total of the Customer Service Supervisor within the Department of Water and Water Supply for the 2016 Budget year.

The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote of all Council Members elected voting in favor thereof.

Affirmative – Applys, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doeschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O'Brien and Robinson

Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

President Pro Tempore Conti asked and received majority consent to add Resolution Numbers 18.22.16R, 19.22.16R and 20.22.16R to the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Doesschate introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 18.22.16R (MC), asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE ELIMINATION OF ONE TAX RECORD CLERK POSITION AND THE CREATION OF ONE ADJUDICATION CLERK I POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

WHEREAS, Section 604(D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary total that occurs outside of those described in the duly adopted budget must be consented to by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the needs of the Office of the Treasurer require the skills and abilities of an additional Adjudication Clerk I position rather than those of one of the current Tax Record Clerk positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of funds affecting salary totals due to the elimination of one current position of Tax Record Clerk and the creation of one additional position of Adjudication Clerk I position within the Office of the Treasurer for the 2016 Budget year.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution passed by the following vote of all Council Members elected voting in favor thereof.

Affirmative – Applrys, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay and O’Brien

Negative – Commisso, Krasher and Robinson

Affirmative 11 Negative 3 Abstain 0

Council Member Bailey introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 19.22.16R (MC), which was approved by unanimous voice vote: - discussion President McLaughlin - 14-0 voice vote

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2016 AND HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO THE NATION AND THE CITY OF ALBANY

WHEREAS, over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world. In 1915, few could have imagined that African Americans in the music, art, and literature would become appreciated by the global community. Fewer still could have predicted the prominence achieved by African Americans, as well as people of African descent, in shaping world politics, war, and diplomacy. Indeed, it was nearly universally believed that Africans and people of African decent had played no role in the unfolding of history and were a threat to American civilization

itself. A century later, few can centrality of African Americans in the making of American history. African-Americans have provided much labor, intellect, creativity, strength and leadership that has made the United States of America a great place to live and a leader in the attainment of freedom and justice in the modern world; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans have also supplied much of the labor, intellect, creativity, strength and leadership that built the City of Albany and its many neighborhoods and communities since colonial times and played a major role in the justice and freedom seeking activities of the Underground Railroad. While the spot light often shines on individuals, this movement is the product of organization, of institutions, and institution-builders who gave direction to effort. The national Urban League promoted the Harlem Renaissance. The Preservation of the black past became the mission of Arturo Schomburg and Jesse and Mooreland, leading to the rise of the Schomburg Research Center in Black Culture and Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research center. The vision of Margaret Burroughs and others led to the African American museum movement, leading to the creation of black museums throughout the nation, culminating with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Student activism of the 1960s resulted in the Black Studies Movement and creation of black professional associations, including the National Council of Black Studies, and a host of doctoral programs at major American universities; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary role of African-Americans in the nation as a whole and Albany in particular has too often been overlooked by both well-meaning individuals and those blinded by the legacy of racism left in the wake of our nation's history of slavery and bondage. This transformation is the result of effort, not chance. Confident that their struggles mattered in human history, black scholars, artists, athletes, and leaders self-consciously used their talents to change how the world viewed African Americans. The New Negro of the post-World War I era made modernity their own and gave the world a cornucopia of culture gifts, including jazz, poetry based on the black vernacular, and an appreciation of African art. African American athletes dominated individual and team sports transforming baseball, track-and-field, football, boxing, and basketball. In a wave of social movements African American activism transformed race relations, challenged American foreign policy, and became the American conscience on human rights; and

WHEREAS, despite the many obstacles placed in the way of generations of African-Americans, they have proven their ability to keep the dream of freedom and racial justice alive by constantly striving to overcome those who would limit their educational and economic opportunities by restricting their choices and limiting their options through the use of Jim Crow laws, poll taxes and other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices and successes of those many generations of African-Americans led to the establishment of churches known for their religious leadership, the founding of historically black colleges and universities responsible for educating millions throughout the nation, entrepreneurs who have created thousands of jobs, and the flourishing of a rich cultural and artistic heritage that has contributed greatly to our nation and beyond; and

WHEREAS, efforts to restrict the rights of African-Americans have continued to this day and the struggle against racism remains a crucial battle throughout our nation generally and the City of Albany specifically that is directly relevant to our communities; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrations raise awareness and have proven to be valuable tools in drawing attention to contributions made by African-Americans to the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Common Council, as the legislative body that represents all residents of the City of Albany to commemorate the valuable contributions of African-Americans to the city and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the **President of the Common Council** recognizes **Wanda F. Willingham** for her efforts and contributions to the City of Albany. Wanda has currently been re-elected (fourth term) as and Albany County Legislator for the 3rd Legislative District, effective January 1, 2016. Wanda brings a wealth of experience to this position as having served on the following committees: City of Albany 4th Ward Leader; Committee on Social Services (Chairperson); Committee on Health (member); and Mass Transit (Deputy Chair) Public Safety, Health Personnel, Court Facilities, and Conservation and Improvement. Wanda possess proven leadership skills in working with the community in various endeavors. **Public Health:** Wanda authored "Tobacco-Free Pharmacy" legislation to prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and other healthcare facilities. **Caring for our seniors:** Wanda is a leader in the effort to build a new nursing home for seniors residing in Albany County. Wanda has worked successfully to bring Congregate Meal Services to seniors, and supported continued funding for NY Connects. **Keeping Families Together Initiatives:** Wanda has been a strong advocate and propionate of improvements to foster care in order to reunite families and establish permanency for children. Community service is very important to Wanda and she has participated in the following: Albany Housing Authority, Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Capital District African American Coalition, NYS Liberty Partnership Mentoring Program, Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lydia's House, National Night Out Community Event, Teen Girls Leadership Program, NYS Liberty Partnership Mentoring Program, Sheridan Hollow Neighborhood Association, Urban League's Neighborhood Based Alliance, Arbor Hill Community Center, Skyline Garden Apartments, Blessed Hope Worship Center, Toys for Tots, New Covenant Christian Fellowship, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, Kids Improvement District, Capital District YMCA, and Grandmas for Charter School. Wanda has received the following awards and recognitions: 2007 New York State Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Achievement Award; 2009 Too Deep Entertainment Outstanding Community Leadership Award; 2010 Capital District YMCA Black and Latino Adult Achievers Award; African Reflection Foundation, Certificate of Appreciation; Black Women's Association of Albany, Service Award; Blessed Hope Worship Center, Hope Award for Outstanding Community Service; Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Basketball Tournament, Hall of Fame Coretta Scott King Award; First Israel AME Church Next Generation Community Service Award; New Covenant Christian Fellowship, Community Service Award; and RFK Democratic Club, Favorite Elected Official. Wanda enjoyed a successful career with the State of New York Local Retirement System. Wanda retired as an Assistant Retirement Program Administrator after thirty four and half years of service. Wanda implemented the first "pre-retirement workshops for NYSLRS" Wanda is a lifelong Albany resident and has been married for the past forty five years to Elijah Willingham. Wanda is the proud mother of five adult children, grandmother to six and great grandmother of two. Wanda is a dedicated member of Mount Olive Southern Baptist Church. Wanda was selected as the Chairlady for Women's Day and the 76th Church Anniversary. Wanda is a committed servant to her family, church friends and community. "If thou faintest in the day of adversity, thy faith is weak"

WHEREAS, the **1st Ward** is proud to recognize **Dean C. Jones**. Dean C. Jones was born in Albany NY, at Albany Memorial Hospital on December 7, 1957. Dean was raised in the Ravena-Selkirk-Coeymans area. Dean attended A.W. Becker Elementary School in Selkirk and later attended Selkirk Senior High School. After graduating in 1978, Dean went on to attend Albany Business College where he studied Accounting. While in college, Dean played football and served on the Distribution Clubs of America and Future Business of America Club. Given his strong interest in business, Dean worked in the school store and helped raise money for the senior class by single-handedly selling 1,137 candy bars. In addition to his love for business, Dean is passionate about community service. He is deeply rooted in his

community and has faithfully volunteered with local organizations, elected officials and city-wide events in Albany since 2012. Dean has served as a volunteer for Trinity Alliance for Mass Food Production, the City of Albany Tulip Festival, Latin Festival, Alive at Five, First Ward Youth Day and many more events. Dean also enjoys dancing. He dances with the elders every Wednesday at Trinity Alliance and visits local nursing homes where he performs for their clients.

WHEREAS, the **2ND Ward** applauds the commitment and services of **Tarea Alston**. Ms. Alston is a young woman that grew up in the South End's Ezra Prentice Homes. When she was seven she joined a step team called the South Pearl Sweet Hearts. It was her first experience at being a part of something in the community and she has made a positive and lasting impression. Throughout her childhood, she and her friends would get together and make up dances and perform at different places. Dancing was in her blood! As a teen she started dance and step groups with younger children, at times clearing out her mother's living room just so the girls had somewhere to practice. Luckily for Tarea and the children she invested in, her mom didn't mind the noise or the rearranging of furniture knowing her daughter was doing something positive for herself and the young people she mentored. Currently Tarea is teaching a dance and step group called "Team Ezra" which is based out of the Ezra Prentice Homes. The group gives girls the opportunity to express themselves and develop confidence through movement. "I love my community and I enjoy teaching the girls new things. Helping them express themselves and boosting their self-esteem through dance gives me great joy. Unfortunately in our community there are not many programs for young woman, dancing and stepping gives them something positive to do." It also keeps them occupied and out of trouble. Tarea also offers her girls a place to talk openly and honestly about anything on their mind. The girls know she is not only there to teach them dance and step (to keep them moving) but that they are her little sisters, that she is invested in them and their futures, and to remind them respect for self is respect for your sister reminding them that as she is and will always be there for them it is important they be there for each other. Tarea takes great pride in her community and enjoys helping to make it better. "My childhood was great growing up in the Ezra Prentice Homes and I love using my experiences and talent to help the future generation." Tarea understands that investing in our children is an investment for us all.

WHEREAS, the **3rd Ward** recognizes and honors **Anthony Gooding** of the New School of Contemporary Radio. Anthony has been working with adolescents for close to twenty years. He started in Utica at the Eastside Utica Boys and Girls Club as an athletic director and the 2nd Chance program re-entry and job placement director. He worked at the Albany Boys and Girls Club as a youth counselor and with the City of Albany Recreation Director. He has coordinated community events such as the Girl Power Challenge, Black History Month Expo, Father Son Basketball Game, and a Lil Guys Basketball Tournament. He volunteers with TeamRec (Recognizing Each Child) Mentorship program for youths and the City of Albany Arbor Hill Community Center. He has also volunteered with SNUG, the city school system, Kreative Kid Zone, and the Albany Housing Coalition. He is a compassionate person who cares deeply about the youth and the people in the community and helping as many people as possible to prosper, encourage and to speak to life within them.

WHEREAS, the **4th Ward** nominates **Pedro Perez**, born and raised on the Lower Eastside of Manhattan, N.Y., as a Black History Month nominee. Pedro Perez has committed his life to advancement of people of color. He is devoted to ensuring diversity and inclusion is a priority for any organization he works for or with. As shown in his career in the New York State Police, he rose to the rank of Brigadier General and served as acting Superintendent during Governor Spitzer's and Governor Paterson's administrations. He became the highest ranking Afro-Caribbean Taino Indian and served with Harry Corbitt, the highest ranking African American; together they made state police history. Throughout his nearly 30 year tenure with this statewide policing agency, he advocated aggressively and effectively for greater inclusion of minority men and women within its ranks. As the Executive Director of the YMCA, he

oversaw the largest child development program in the Capital District YMCA. To that end, he is an integral part of the Albany Promise - Cradle to Career initiative that grew out "Strive Project," the National Partner. This initiative's goal is to ensure all children but especially Children of Color are ready to succeed in college and careers by intentionally engaging parents, educators, non-for-profit agencies, and corporations to develop and support appropriate instructional programs. When he served as the Executive Director of the Albany Branch of the Capital District YMCA, he worked for equity and parity for its employees and those served by the YMCA. Today, he serves as the Executive Director of the City of Albany's "MY BROTHER'S AND SISTER'S KEEPERS, an initiative dedicated to providing opportunities for young men and women of color reconnect to educational and economic success. He believes the struggle for our full participation in the American Dream must be sought for and demanded by the men and women of color if we are ever to be treated with the dignity and respect that is our birth right. Holding a Master of Public Administration from Marist College, he is a Shihan - 5th Degree black belt in Jujutsu AND Renshi - 6th Degree Black Instructor of Karate. He is an Afro-Caribbean musician who performs in the capital region, nationally and internationally with his own Mambo Dragons band as well as several other bands.

WHEREAS, the **5th Ward** is privileged to have the opportunity to honor **Brenda Robinson** during the 2016 celebration. Brenda is a lifelong resident of Albany, NY. She is married and the mother of 4 beautiful daughters and 5 wonderful grandchildren, whom she loves dearly. Helping others has been her calling, as she advocates in health care and in the community. Mrs. Robinson is a Registered Nurse, graduating from HVCC. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at SUNYIT and her Master's Degree in Nursing at Walden University. She strongly promotes education and recently completed her Doctorate Dissertation in Nursing at Walden University. Mrs. Robinson is a Nurse Consultant for the Chief Business Office of the Department of Veteran Affairs, for 22 years. She has a collateral duty as the African American Program Manager at the Albany VA Medical Center. She organizes many cultural events at the VA such as the Dr. Rev. MLK, jr cultural program for many years and it's one of the largest attended programs at the VA, with clergy and official from the Tri-City area as guest speakers. Raising awareness of needs and the plight of minorities is very important. She advocates for fairness, equitable opportunity, cultural diversity and community involvement at the VA. She is well versed in the EEO process, human rights, the representation and advocacy of employees and patients. She was an Ethics Consultant for the VA Medical Center for many years as well. Mrs. Robinson is the National Representative for Nurses United (NNU) CBOPC Nurses, which is the largest nurses' union in the US. As a Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Honor Society inductee, she continues to work hard. She is also the Vice-President of the Federal Executive Association of Northeastern NY. Mrs. Robinson is well known for advocating for equal healthcare treatment and access. She is the founder and CEO of the Black Nurse Coalition, Inc. Eliminating health care disparities is always on her radar and her goal. She mentors nursing students, provides study groups and support. We need nurses of color not only at the bedside, but in leadership positions. She participates in health fairs, holds free blood pressure screenings, health teaching, diabetic teaching, self-breast exams, and so on. She has even traveled to Atlanta and presented her hand hygiene program to third graders. She attends numerous community meetings and actively participates in issues that affect the community such as the Medicaid reform activity under DSRIP. She disseminates information keeping the community informed. As Human Rights Commissioner for the City of Albany (Vice-Chairperson), she seeks to improve the Commission and provide an active, beneficial service for the Albany residents. She believes Albany should offer fair and equitable treatment for everyone, including: healthcare, jobs, education, business opportunities, housing and recreation. Issues such as bias, racial profiling, stereotyping, discrimination and maltreatment needs to be addressed: if you see it, speak up! Mrs. Robinson emphasizes that Cultural Diversity and Inclusion makes our foundation fair and strong.

WHEREAS, the **7th Ward** proudly nominates **Dalmain Duncan** of 70 Hurlbut Street to receive

recognition for his contributions to the community during Black History Month 2016. Dalmain, who emigrated from Jamaica at the age of 17, graduated from Albany public schools and has worked for the City of Albany for the past 20 years. Dalmain, who is married to Fiona Duncan, has worked in the City's Parks, Recreation and Family Services Department, the Department of General Services and currently works for the Water Department in the water filtration plant in Feura Bush. Dalmain is an avid soccer player having played in the Capital District Soccer League on the Carribean United team for many years. He has taught soccer skills to many young people over the years as well. He is an active volunteer for the Delaware Neighborhood Association and assists every year at the Farmers Market at the Delaware Branch Library. On Neighborhood Night Out at the library in August, you will often see Dalmain doing yeoman's work scooping out gallons of free ice cream in cups and cones for the long lines of hungry neighbors! Thank you, Dalmain, for helping to make our City a great place to live and work!

WHEREAS, the **9th Ward** is proud to recognize **William Little, Esq.** as its honoree for the 2016 Black History Month celebration. Mr. Little was born in Monticello, New York and moved to Albany in 1998 to attend the University at Albany. After earning his Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Mr. Little attended Albany Law School where he obtained his Juris Doctorate degree. While at Albany Law School, Mr. Little was the President of the Black Law Students Association and focused his presidency on increasing diversity at the law school. In 2003, he organized a group of law students to travel to Washington, D.C. to rally the United States Supreme Court during the landmark affirmative action case of Grutter v. Bollinger, which upheld the affirmative action admissions policy of the University of Michigan. Along with thousands of other protesters and students, Mr. Little slept on the stairs of the Supreme Court as a symbol of support for Michigan's affirmative action admissions policy. Upon graduation from Albany Law School, Mr. Little was the first African American hired in the 90-year history of a prominent Albany litigation law firm. Mr. Little is the immediate past president of the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association, an organization founded in the early 1980's by Bernard Bryan and the Honorable Randy Treece to serve the needs of attorneys of color in the Capital District. Mr. Little is a Board Member of the Albany County Bar Association and Third District Representative for the Torts Insurance Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Little also serves as the pro bono counsel for the Arbor Hill Development Corporation and was a former Board Member of the African American Cultural Center. Mr. Little is currently a member of the Alternate Public Defender's Office and founding partner of the Law Office of Teresi & Little. He specializes in civil litigation, civil rights, white collar defense, and labor and employment litigation. In 2014 and 2015, William Little was selected by his peers to the New York State Super Lawyers Rising Stars list which is reserved for less than 2.5% of attorneys in New York State. Mr. Little and his wife, Erica, are the proud parents of two adorable children.

WHEREAS, the **10th WARD** recognizes **CHARLES GOODBEE SR.**, born in Albany, New York during the 2016 Black History Month celebration. Charles attended the Albany Public School System, and graduated from Philip Schuyler High School. He is the oldest of five brothers and two sisters. Mr. Goodbee has lived on Quail Street for 38 years with his wife Joyce Goodbee three daughters Renee, Patricia, Arndreia, and one son Charles Jr. Charles was the first African American Journeyman Ironworker with the International Association of Bridge Structural and Ornamental Ironworker Local #12. Charles graduated from Hudson Valley Community College with an A.A.S degree in Civil Technology. He was president of Pyramid Erector Inc., specializing in rebar steel erection for bridge decks wastewater treatment plants and building foundations. Pyramid Erector Inc., a union contractor was a member of Eastern Contractors Association, Inc. Charles, worked for Albany Urban Renewal Agency as a Rehabilitation Specialist, where he conducted client interviews, prepared specification, space planning and cost estimates. He performed property inspections of ongoing construction on residential homes to ensure city, state and federal code standards, schedule bid dates, wrote addenda, change orders, prepared and approved payments to contractors. Charles also worked for General Dynamics/Electric Boat Division

verifying and testing welds during the construction of the prototype Trident Nuclear Submarine. Charles was a Senior estimator for NYS Facilities Development Corporation that merge with NYS Dormitory Authority in 1994 where he became Claims Analyst approving change orders and negotiating claim settlements traveling to various field office sites throughout New York State as required. Mr. Goodbee volunteered his labor for Habitat for Humanity and helped a hard working family own their first home. *Charles retired after working for New York State for 32 years.* He currently serves on the Albany Citizens' Police Review Board. Mr. Goodbee is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where he is the facility manager and sings in the men's choir.

WHEREAS, the **11th Ward** honors **Kymlee Dorsey** for her contributions to the City of Albany, the African-American community, and the transgender community. History is made with honoring Ms. Dorsey as the first trans woman to be honored by the City of Albany Common Council for Black History Month. Ms. Dorsey is a perpetual advocate for society's most vulnerable, providing a strong voice to the voiceless and ignored in society. As an Albany native, she began her service to community early in life. At thirteen years old, Ms. Dorsey served as a junior counselor for Cornell Cooperative Extension for their 4H summer camp and became the camp's youngest director. At sixteen, Ms. Dorsey continued her mission of empowerment working with children at the Arbor Hill Community Center. There, Ms. Dorsey instilled the importance of self-advocating through showing students the beauty that resides in each of them as individuals. Later in life, Ms. Dorsey was always visible in her community. Whether it was modeling, bartending, or styling hair, Ms. Dorsey never lost her flame to empower her community and heal and uplift her peers. During a sojourn of traveling in different states, Ms. Dorsey had a moment of self-discovery that would make her a leader in a new, important way. Ms. Dorsey's beloved mother, in her final days on Earth, told her daughter that she "needs to be who you were meant to be." Shortly after, Ms. Dorsey began her own self-advocacy. While Ms. Dorsey knew little of the word "transgender" but knew for certain that she was born into a body that did not reflect her inner identity. The love of her family carried her, and Ms. Dorsey used her strength to uplift others in the transgender community. Ms. Dorsey began working with various groups and agencies to talk about what it means to be transgender and the distinct issue the trans community faces. Her commitment to her city and the community deserve the highest admiration. Ms. Dorsey's courage is inspiring and is part of the fabric of Albany's beauty. It is an honor for the 11th Ward to recognize Ms. Dorsey as the first transgender honoree for Black History Month.

WHEREAS, the **12th Ward** proudly acknowledges **Jesse and Theresa Sandidge and the community on the now vacant Loughlin Street** during Black History Month. In 1961 Jesse and Theresa Sandidge were the first African-American family to purchase a home on Loughlin Street near Fuller Road in Albany, where upon their arrival they encountered discrimination and hostility. Their story was chronicled in 1965 by then Times Union reporter William Kennedy in a series of articles regarding changing demographics in Albany neighborhoods. Through the strength and perseverance of the Sandidge Family, Loughlin Street became an integrated neighborhood of four African-American families and five Caucasian families whose adults and children socialized harmoniously together and made Loughlin Street into a remarkable neighborhood. Theresa Sandidge continued to be a pioneer becoming the first African-American president of the Albany School District Parent Teacher Association. Following her early death in 1968 a Times Union editorial mourned her death as a "grievous loss to the community" and praised her work "to free Albany from the mire of prejudice." In 2014 and 2015 all nine of the homes on Loughlin Street were purchased and are slated for demolition to make way for the expansion of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute College of Science and Engineering. Even though Loughlin Street as a residential street will no longer exist, the legacy of Jesse and Theresa Sandidge, and other families who enriched it as a harmonious and integrated neighborhood in which to live, must continue.

WHEREAS, the 15th Ward honors **Alexis Gomes-Evans** during the 2016 Black History Month celebration. Alexis is a native of Guyana South America born to Reverend George Gomes Sr. and Ms. Vaulda Gomes. Alexis is the proud mother of three beautiful children. A son Keyshawn, who is in his second semester at Buffalo State University, and also two daughters, Alexa and MaKenzie, in elementary school. Alexis is a graduate of Bryant and Stratton College where she obtained her degree in Accounting. Alexis continues to climb to higher heights in her professional and personal life. Everyday is a gift in the eyes of Alexis and because of this she gives her best to a job that she sincerely loves. “There is no greater pride than being able to assist the citizens in the great city of Albany, NY.” Since the year of 2006 Alexis has been a valuable asset to the city. Her work experience includes the Department of General Service as a Community Aid, Department of the Treasury in the payroll department as a Payroll Clerk, she was requested to join the Building and Regulatory Compliance Department as the Confidential Secretary, and recently the city Clerks’ office as an Accountant Clerk. Alexis loves what she does and is a valuable member to any office she works in. Her passion and drive to assist others is evident by how she carries herself and also by the pride shown in her work. With continued trust in God and leaning on family and friends Alexis is sure to achieve so much more in her life. The future is bright and I am sure Alexis will accomplish all her wants, desires, and goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Common Council, acting on behalf of all the people of the City of Albany, hereby commemorates February 2016 as Black History Month, and pauses in its deliberation to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by African-Americans.

BE, IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Common Council honors all of the nominees in recognition of their leadership, service, and contributions to civic life throughout the City of Albany.

**Note: President McLaughlin spoke on this resolution prior to passage.*

The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative – Applrys, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O’Brien, and Robinson

Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Doesschate introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 20.22.16R (MC), which was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING EILEEN CARROLL ROSEN AS A TEMPORARY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

WHEREAS, there exists pursuant to Section 523 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 42-167 of the Code of the City of Albany a Board of Assessment Review consisting of five members; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 523-a authorizes the appointment of temporary members to the Board of Assessment Review to assist the Board of Assessment Review; and

WHEREAS, in light of the City-wide revaluation for the year 2016 and to promote a fair, equitable and efficient revaluation, the addition of temporary members to the Board of Assessment Review is necessary and desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby appoint Eileen Carroll Rosen pursuant to Section 523-a of the Real Property Tax Law as a temporary member of the Board of Assessment Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for such temporary member shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

RESOLVED, that the said member shall serve until all hearings on complaints and grievances are heard and decided and the finalization of the assessment roll is complete, provided that such term shall not exceed one year.

The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative – Applys, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O’Brien, and Robinson

Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

The remaining Resolutions on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Member Krasher discussed Governor Cuomo’s recent order in regards to restorative therapy and withdrew Ordinance Number 6.31.14 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 373 (YOUTH PROTECTION AGAINST TOBACCO PROMOTION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE II ENTITLED “RESTORATIVE THERAPY”).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment.

President McLaughlin stated, hearing no objections, that the Council was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of February 18th, 2016.

CASHAWNA PARKER
Legislative Aide to the Council